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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS ON THE DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR MELOY AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN BEIRUT. PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS 0Y WHATEVER MEANS CONVENIENT:
2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT-ELECT,

I DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY ON THE ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR MELOY, COUNSELOR WARING, AND THEIR CHAUFFEUR, ZOHAI MOGHRAHI.

IT IS SURELY THE CRUELEST OF TRAGEDIES THAT THESE MEN IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE HAD TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

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THEIR DEATHS WILL NOT LESSEN OUR DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT

YOUR EFFORTS, AND THOSE OF YOUR LIKE-MINDED COUNTRYMEN, TO  
HELP BRING AN END TO LEBANON'S AGONY. SINCERELY, GERALD R.  
FORD.

3. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THIS  
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF MR. SARKIS DESIRES TO DO SO.  
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